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For: CONICAL FLORAL SLEEVE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
2. ☒ FORM PTO-1449 (Modified)
3. ☒ Statements as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications (Information not listed in PTO 1449 (Modified))
4. ☒ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
5. ☒ Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement
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Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

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Section 2. Form PTO-1449 (Modified)

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Section 3. Statements as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications (Information not listed in PTO 1449 (Modified))

Plant sleeves are old in the art. Plant sleeves typically are constructed of polymer film or paper. Plant sleeves generally are tapered (trapezoidally shaped) with an open top and an open bottom, although some have a closed bottom. A plant in a pot is placed in the plant sleeve so that the sleeve covers the pot and the plant. In some instances, an upper portion of the plant sleeve is removable along a line of perforations leaving at least a portion of the sleeve around the pot. In some instances, a separate sheet of material is placed about the pot and the remaining bottom portion of the plant sleeve holds this separate sheet of material in place. Alternatively, a floral grouping alone may be placed within the sleeve. It is also known to put potted plants in grocery bags.

It is also old in the art to form a sheet of material about a flower pot and then place an elastic band around the sheet of material to hold the sheet in place about the flower pot. In some instances, the band has been positioned about the outer surface of the pot with the sheet of material positioned between the band and the flower pot. In some instances, the band has been positioned above the upper end of the pot thereby causing a portion of the sheet of material to be forced inwardly over the upper end of the pot.

It is also old in the art to form a sheet of material into a conically shaped tube like member referred to commonly in the art as a sleeve. A floral grouping or flower pot with flowers therein can be disposed through the larger open end of the sleeve, wherein the sleeve covers the floral grouping or the flower pot and extends above and around the flowers in the floral grouping or flower pot.

It is also old in the art that cut flowers have been wrapped with the following materials or combinations of materials:

1. Kraft paper plus waxed or unwaxed tissue paper with the flowers being placed next to the waxed paper or tissue paper.
2. Kraft paper plus newspaper plus waxed or unwaxed tissue with the flowers being placed next to the waxed or unwaxed tissue. These three materials have been used to wrap flowers in various combinations such as Kraft paper plus newspaper or Kraft paper plus waxed or unwaxed tissue paper or newspaper plus waxed or unwaxed tissue paper.
3. Waxed or unwaxed tissue paper, polymer films and Kraft paper (treated for water resistance or wet strength or untreated).
4. Polymer film and waxed tissue paper.

Section 4. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 09/614,317, filed on July 12, 2000.

(complete the following, if applicable)

- [] This application also relies, under 35 U.S.C. 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. _____, filed on _____.

Section 5. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement

Legible copies of all items listed in Form PTO-1449 (Modified) accompany this information disclosure statement.

[X] Exception(s) to above:

[X] Items in prior application from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 4. Only copies of the following patents are enclosed:

U.S. Patent Documents: 1,044,260; 1,794,212; 1,811,574; 2,688,914; 3,003,681; 3,293,100; 3,172,796; 3,316,675; 3,405,863; 3,550,318; 3,804,322; 4,149,339; 4,946,290; 4,989,396; D315,700; 5,076,011; 5,117,584; 5,551,570; 5,575,107; 5,625,979; 5,647,193; 5,706,605; 5,715,944; 5,735,103; 5,758,472; 5,813,194; D404,684; 5,924,241; 5,941,020; 5,966,866; 5,974,730; 6,009,687; D419,436; 6,047,524; D424,972; 6,098,336; 6,129,208; 6,129,209; 6,141,906; 6,182,395; 6,183,590; 6,286,255; 6,286,256; 6,345,467.

Foreign Patent or Published Foreign Patent Applications: Denmark - 1,204,647; Germany - 15,550; Japan - 6,127,555; Japan - 8-19334; PCT - 9,712,819; United Kingdom - 2,203,127; United Kingdom - 2,212,136.

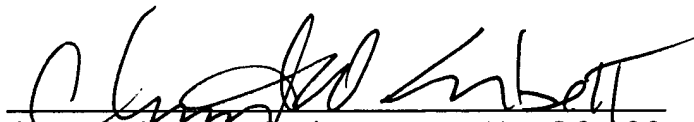
Non-Patent Documents: "Stand Alone Plastic Bagmaking" brochure, AMI, Atlanta, GA, February 15, 1996, 2 pages; "Silver Linings" Brochure, Affinity Diversified Industries, Inc., 1986. The Silver Linings brochure shows a floral sleeve with a closed bottom. The brochure shows, in one embodiment, a vase with flowers inside a "cut flower" sleeve with the sleeve tied with a ribbon about the neck of the vase; "Special Occasion Printed Highlophane Bags" Brochure, Highland Supply Corporation, 1990, 2 pages; "Creative Packaging" Brochure, John Henry Company, September 1992; "Make Highlander Your Headquarters" Brochure, Highland Supply Corporation, 1991; WEDER ET AL., "Sleeve with a Triangular Lower End", U.S. Patent Application Publication, Pub. No. US 2002/0112401 A1, Pub. Date: 08/22/2002.

Section 6. Identification of Person(s) Making this INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The person making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information:

- ☐ supplied by the inventor(s)
- ☐ supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)).
- ☒ in the attorney's file

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	BB	2	5	6	3	6	3	3	08/1951	Amberg	493	154	
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	HP	3	8	2	9	2	8	1	5/18/89	Germany				X
	HQ	3	6	0	1	2	0	7	07/1987	Germany				
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